

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 11 – 20 are allowed. The prior art of record fail to teach a method for securely determining a position of an object moving along a known course, with respect to a distance run by the moving object, comprising, among other limitations, determining an absolute position of the object with a first confidence interval; determining a relative position of the object with a second confidence interval; selecting a smaller confidence interval among the first and second confidence intervals when the object is moving along the course, with respect to the distance run by the moving object; determining the location and/or positioning of the object using the relative position while the second confidence interval is the smaller interval; and determining the location and/or position of the object using the absolute position while the first confidence interval is the smaller confidence interval.

***Conclusion***

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